The Compact of Etheria

Preamble

Whereas there are six royal realms[1] Etheria, known as Bright Moon, Plumeria, Salineas, Dryl, Snows, and Mystacor;
Whereas there are three independent city-states in Etheria, known as the Republic of Thaymor, city-state of Elberon, and commune of Alwyn;
Whereas the Horde has been defeated and Fright Zone destroyed, there is a need for common rules and requirements to be established;
Whereas this compact[2] was created by the signatories to fulfill this requirement, and applies across the planet of Etheria.

Article I. Sources of Law and Authorities

A. For royal realms, the word of rulers and their decrees have the force of law.
B. Traditional indigenous law and custom remain significant.
C. Generally, rulers of the planet's royal realms and city states can appoint judges, and grant pardons and commute sentences.

Article II. Courts of Etheria

D. Those charged with crimes, in any courts, can defend themselves or someone to represent them from the planet itself, but this request can be denied.[3]
E. Judges can use independent legal reasoning to make a decision and can disregard previous judgments, although precedent is important.
F. Judges, jurors, assessors, or defenders, or prosecutors, whether on courts within the royal realms, city-states or planet-wide, must be born on the planet of Etheria.
G. Rulers of the planet's royal realms and city states can establish their own courts, whether with juries, judges, or combination of both.
H. Cases in possible courts within their respective royal realms or city states, can be referred to planet-wide, or Etherian, courts for planet-wide matters of dispute, currently only used to try former Horde members, which includes:
    a. a sole judge with limited jurisdiction to determine whether a topic is worthy of trial
    b. a tribunal with 10 members
    c. a court of appeals with eight members

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[1] Scribe note: The term “royal realm” is used instead of kingdom, as the latter has an association with men. There is also “queendom” too, but since the princesses are the rulers, its better to use “royal realm” as a replacement. Frosta’s realm is known as “Kingdom of Snows” but has been shortened to “Snows.”
[2] Scribe note: This compact is loosely based on information from existing legal systems of monarchies on Earth, based on information Adora discovered. No civil or criminal law currently exists in Etheria.
[3] Scribe note: This is unlikely because those living on the planet, as a matter of principle and en masse, refused to defend anyone whom had been associated with the Horde, remembering their crimes.

    d. a Supreme Court with eight members

I. The courts noted in letter H shall be jointly established and managed by the signatories of this document.
J. Those in the tribunal are elected by residents of Etheria, with a leader chosen by the members of the tribunal by majority vote, while the sole judge can be appointed by one of the signatories.
K. Members of the court of appeals and Supreme Court can be appointed by the signatories of this document:
    a. Appointees must be evenly distributed across the planet's royal realms and city-states
    b. As such, the court of appeal and Supreme Court must include one member from each sovereign area
L. Lengthy sentences can be applied in Etherian courts for those who had committed heinous crimes, like former members of the Horde, excluding Adora.
M. All offenses against morality and humanity will be punished in Etherian courts, with crimes such as:
    a. Collaboration with the Horde
    b. Indiscriminate attack on a civilian town
    c. Grievous injury of royalty
    d. Kidnapping
    e. Climate exploitation for devious ends
    f. Conspiracy to steal historical artifacts
    g. Assault on a fortified castle
    h. Attempted destruction of a magical gateway
    i. Unwarranted surveillance
N. The referral of matters to an appropriate court depends on the severity of the crime.
O. Apart from the above-mentioned courts, Etherian courts can be composed of a judge and jury, or only include lay jurors.[4]
P. Due to its ability to conceal itself from outside interference, Mystacor will be the location where administrative matters relating to Etheria's courts shall be managed.

Article III. Dehordification

Q. No person who was formerly part of the Horde can hold any position of power within the planet's royal realms or city-states.
R. All former Horde members will be held in the Northern Reach, awaiting trial, and sent to appropriate schools for re-conditioning:
    a. These schools shall be administered by the signatories of this document in any way they see fit

[4] Scribe's note: Apart from those associated with Archives of Etheria, those associated with the court system of Etheria, whether judges, jurors, or otherwise, are some of the planet's scholars.

b. These schools will ensure that evil ways and thoughts of the former members of the Horde would fade away, so they can become productive members of society

S. The role of former Horde members on Etheria depend on whether they could recognize the errors of their past association with the Horde and work to help rebuild the planet
   a. for some, punishment for past transgressions would be community service
   b. for others it would include something more severe, perhaps even death, something decided by the courts of Etheria

Article IV. Miscellaneous Provisions

T. Retaliatory punishments will not be practiced.
U. Criticism of the royal realms and their rulers is allowed, but only within certain means, determined by the rulers of those royal realms.
V. Rulers of the planet's royal realms shall have ultimate authority on all domestic and foreign issues, including power to conduct marriages, divorces, or other personal unions.
W. Within the planet's royal realms, publication, distribution, and importation of books and other written materials is limited.
X. All the rulers of the planet's royal realms and city states will have their citizens contribute to the Archives of Etheria, which shall operate as an independent entity outside of any of the aforementioned royal realms and city-states:
   a. Queen Angella will be Chief Archivist[5]
   b. George and Lance will be archivists
   c. Bow will be an archival assistant, as will his brothers
   d. Entrapta will be the tech advisor, until her trial has concluded
   e. A-D will be in effect until the signers of this compact decide otherwise
Y. Dryl shall be an area overseen by a council of advisors appointed by the signatories, until the trial of Entrapta is concluded, then its fate shall be decided by the signatories.
Z. For royal realms, if any of these signatories shall die, the successor, determined in a way befitting that royal realm, shall be bound by the agreement's terms.

Article V. Concluding Provisions.

I. As needed, signatories of this document shall meet on important matters and can decide to revise this compact as needed.
II. Princess Glimmer is now the ruler of Bright Moon due to Angella becoming Chief Archivist, but she shall advise her daughter on matters of state, with a coronation to be held promptly.
III. The three city-states shall have the ability to govern themselves in what way they see fit
   A. It is required that they remain on good terms with the planet's royal realms
   B. Movement between city-states and royal realms shall be unrestricted

[5] Scribe's note: Previously she was only a special adviser, helping Bow, Bow's dads, and brothers choose the right items to add to the Archives of Etheria, but now that has evolved.

IV. Any signatory can withdraw from this compact, but they must notify the other signatories of their actions.

V. Further signatories can be added as needed, as this document may not include every sovereign entity on this planet.

VI. The contents of this compact shall be known to the residents of this planet, as a matter of public record, through a mass printing and distribution process, with Article II, letter P, excised from any such versions to prevent possible tampering with the courts. All other provisions shall remain intact.

VII. Contact shall be maintained with Adora, former Princess of Power, Gems, and other friends of the former Princess Alliance, on Earth.

VIII. The Princess Alliance is hereby abolished, as is the Rebellion, with the Compact serving in its place.

Annex

Witness thereof that the undersigned Plenipotentiaries have signed this compact.

Done on a day of honor in the Castle of Bright Moon, 50 years after the first Horde-Rebellion War, and less than a month after the end of the second Horde-Rebellion War.

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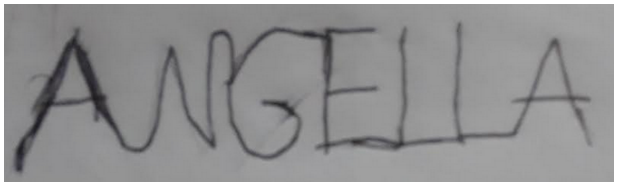

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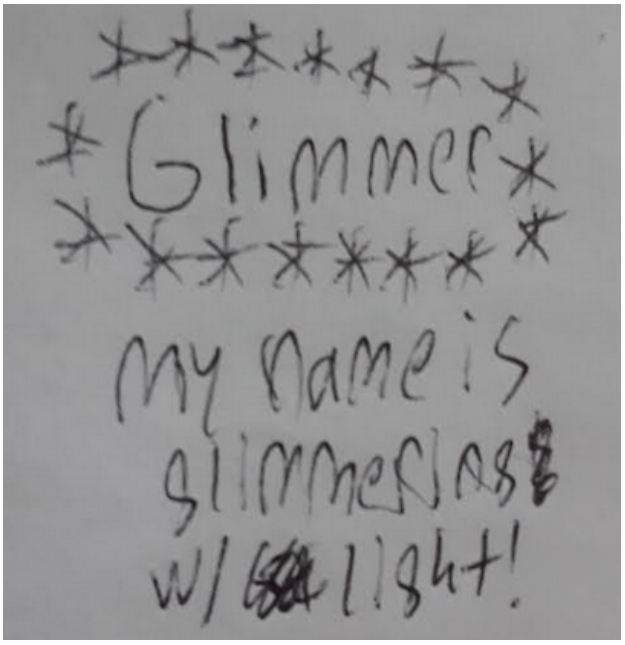

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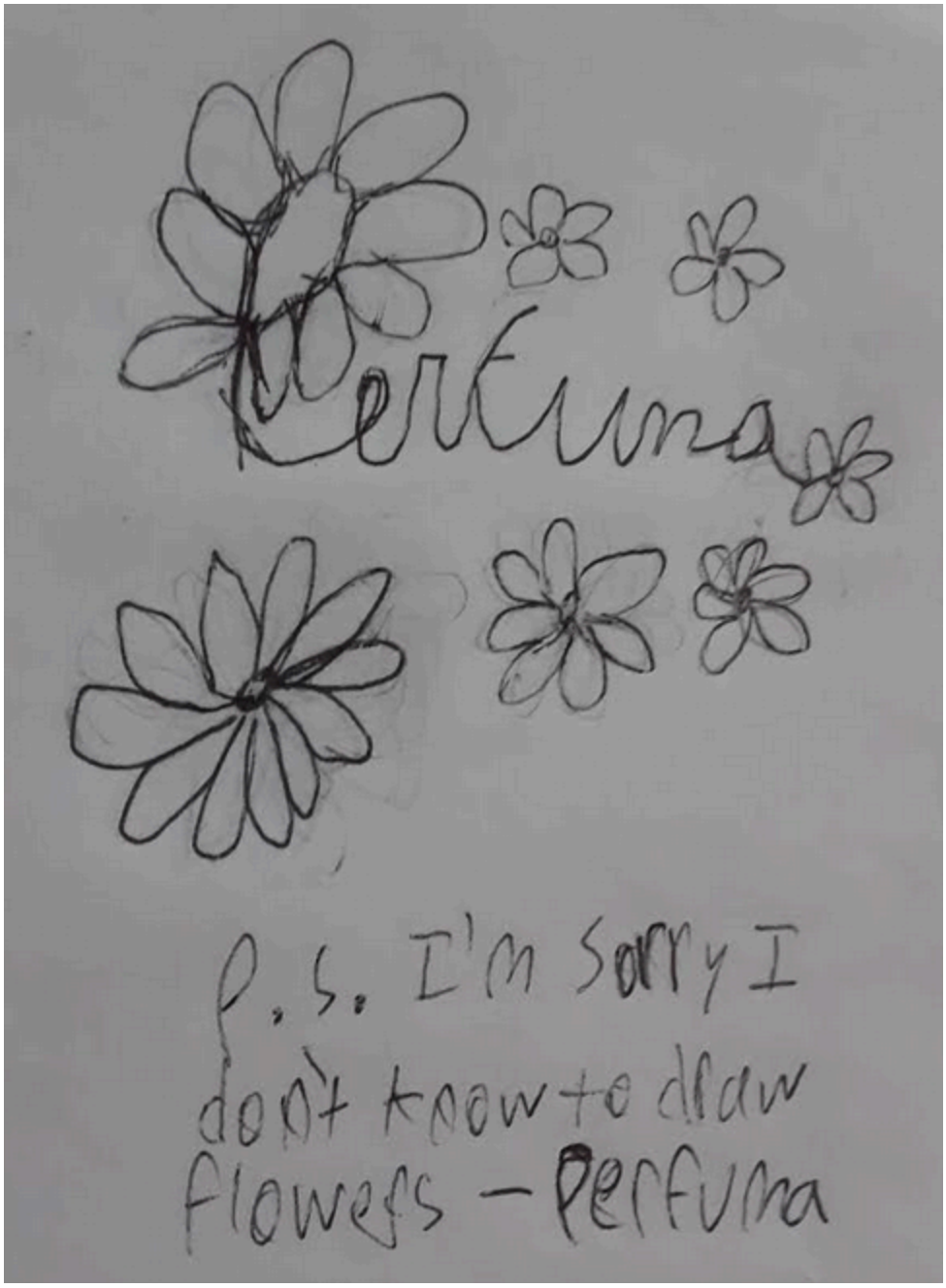

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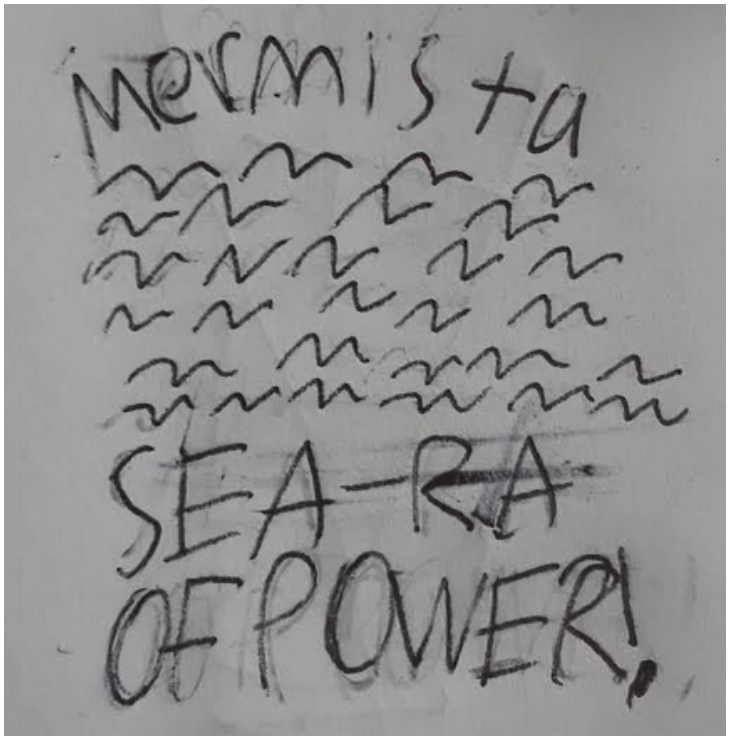

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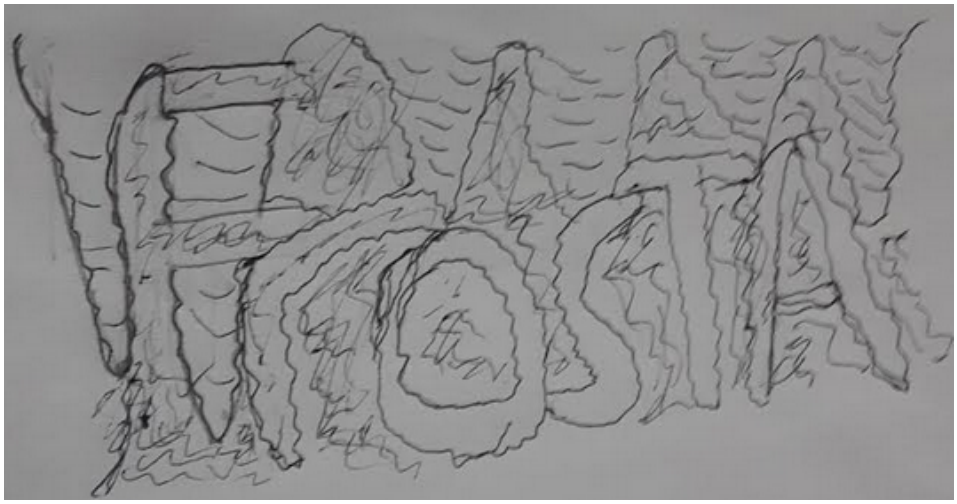

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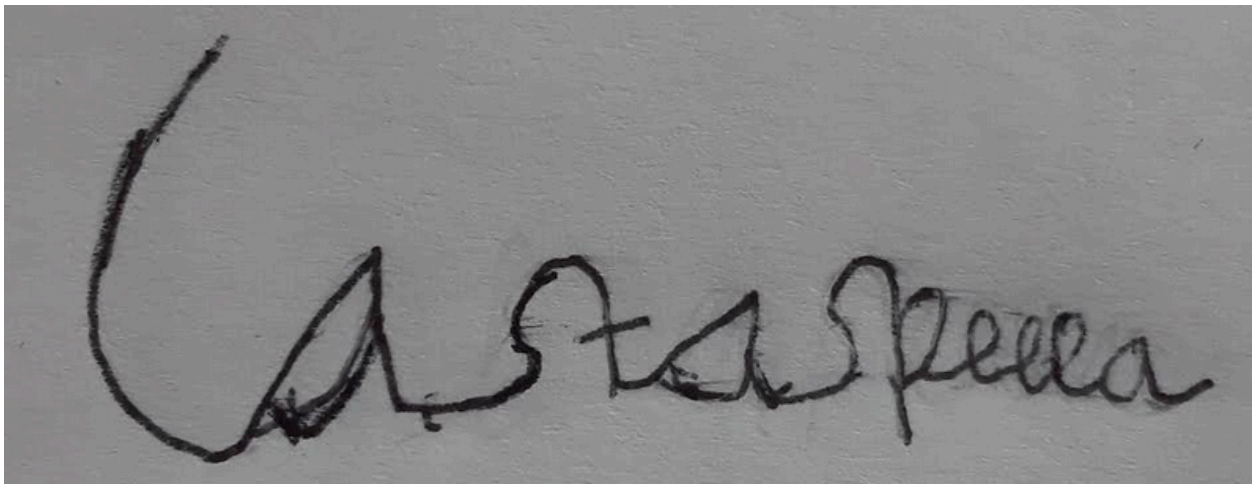

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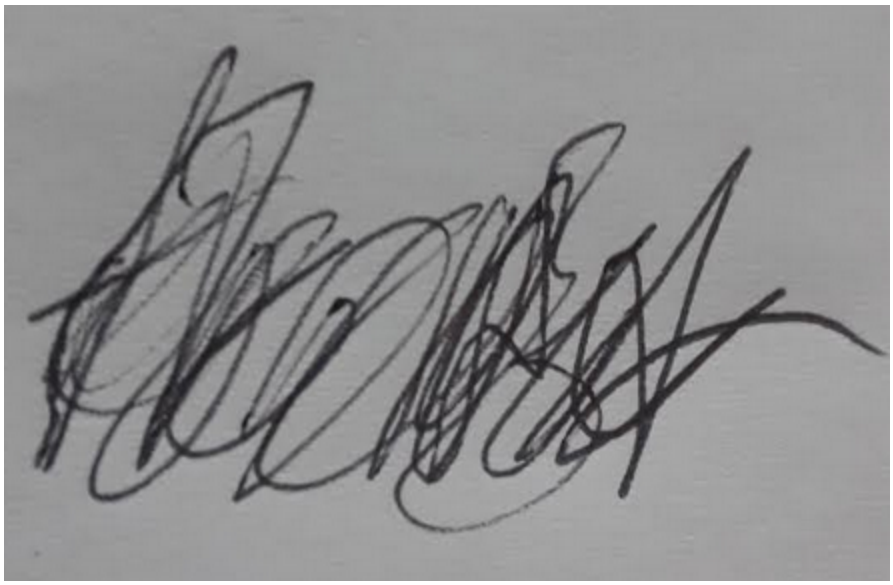

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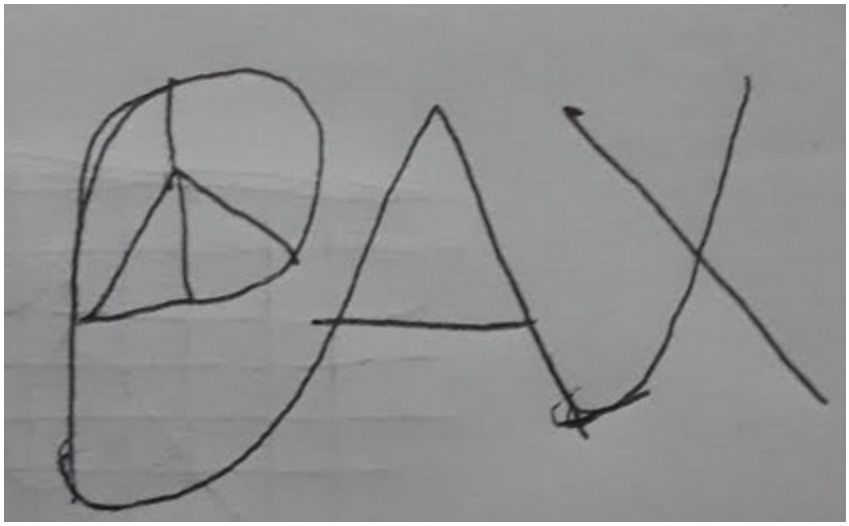

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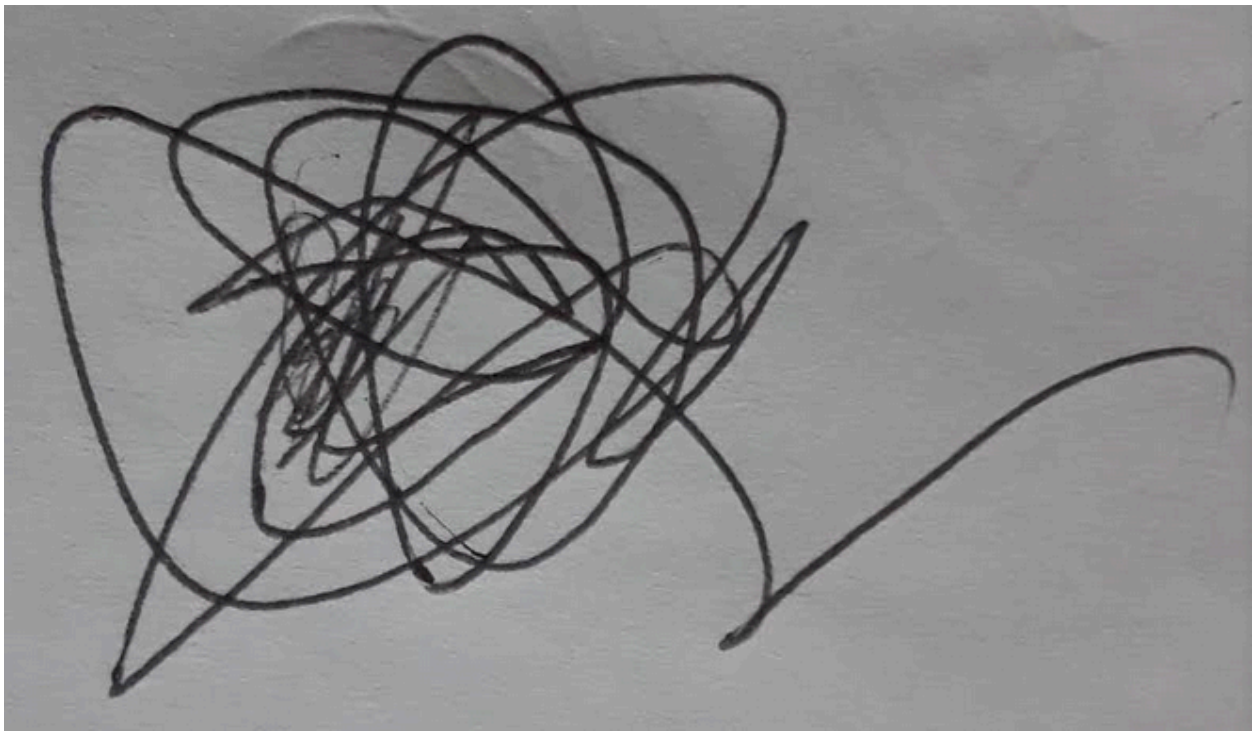

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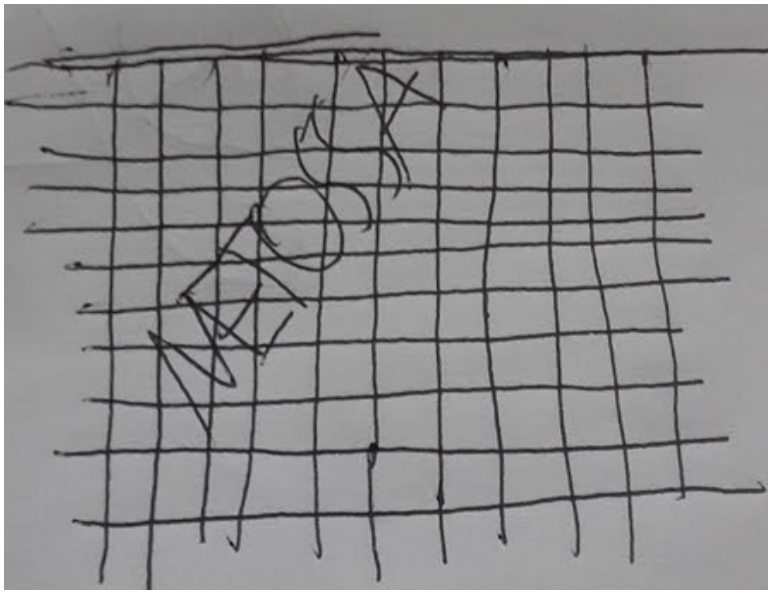

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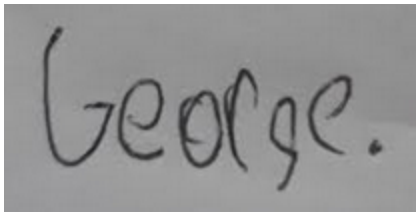

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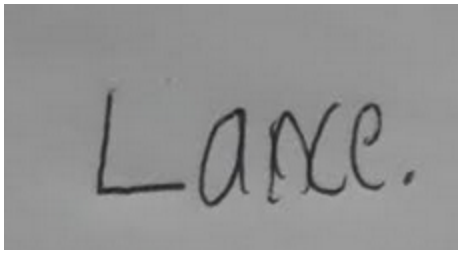

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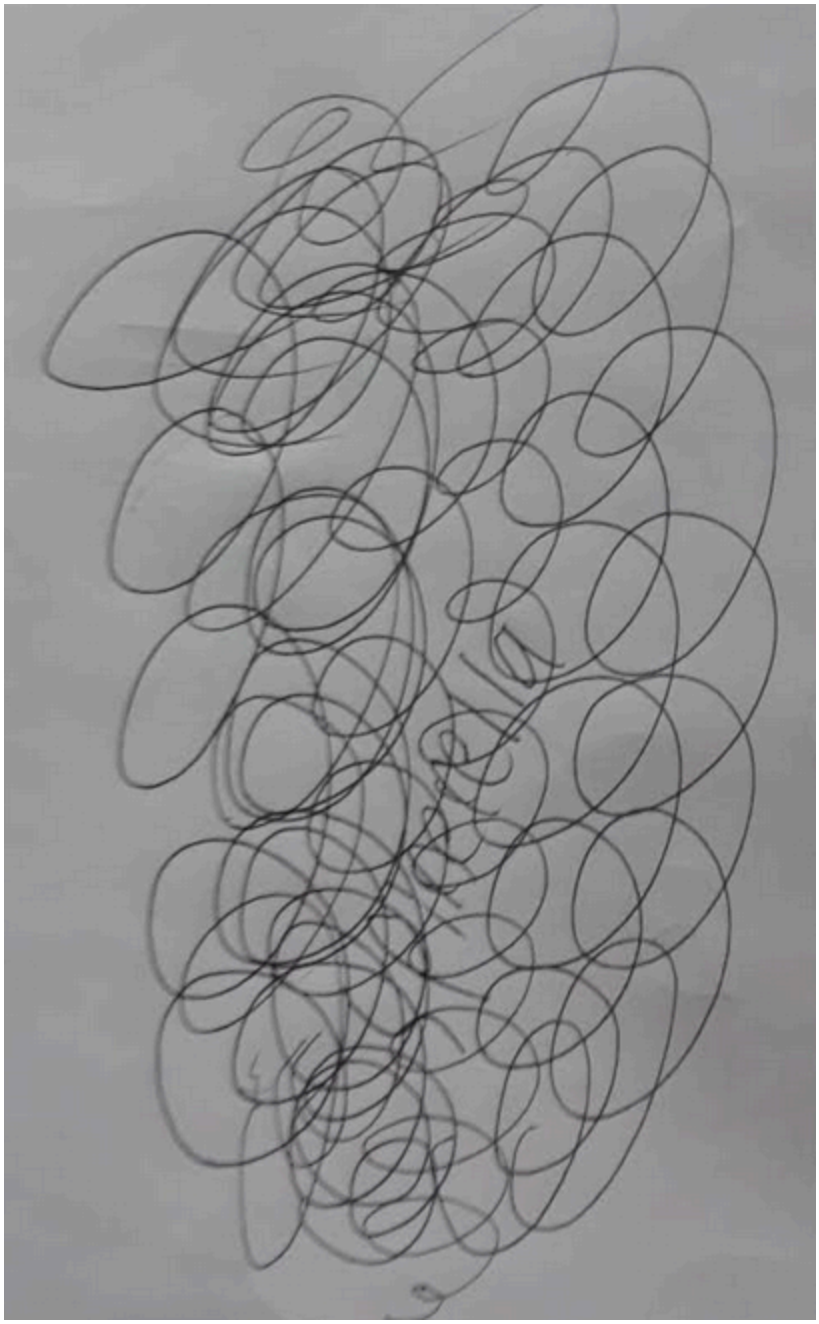

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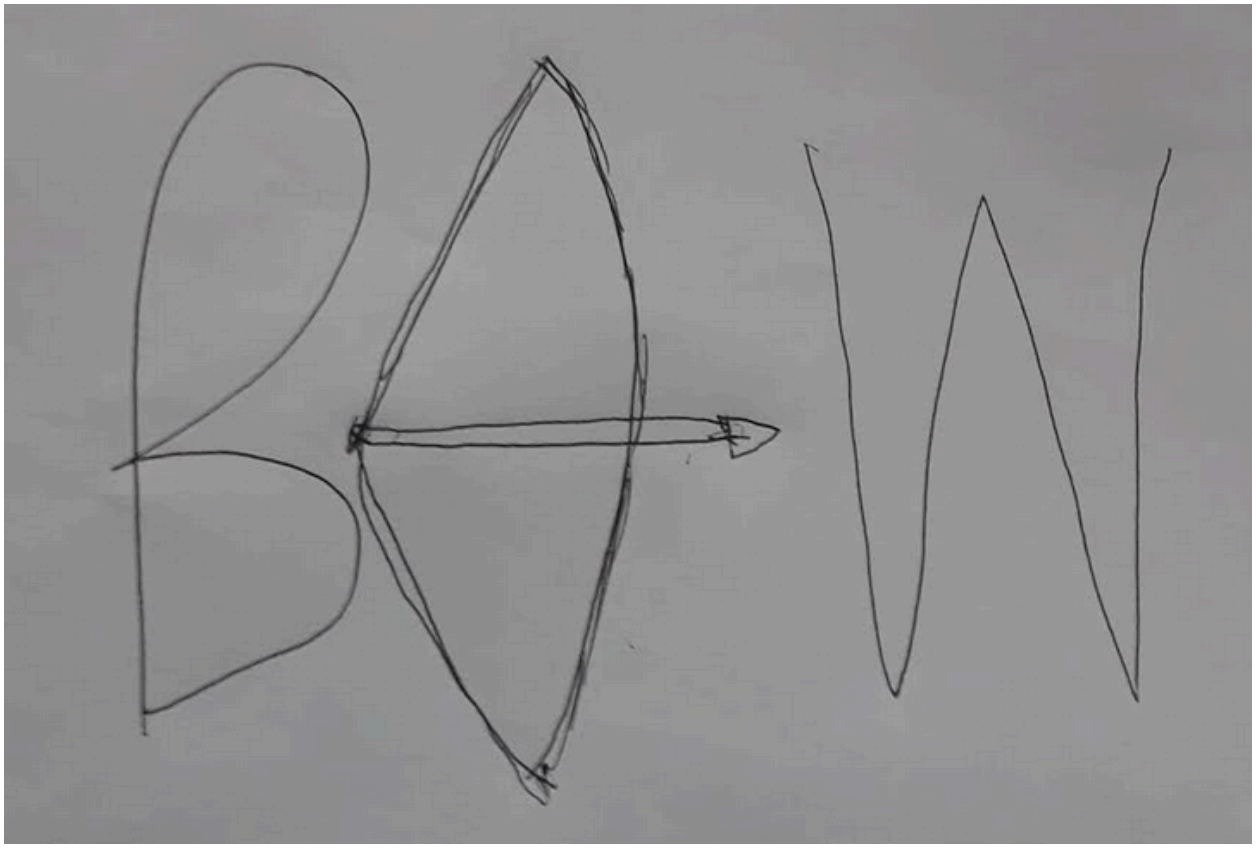

(Archives Assistant Bow)